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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Petitioner, **The California Institute of Technology** (hereinafter "Caltech"),
represents that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest of
(1) the instant application, Serial No. 09/306,749, filed May 7, 1999, which is a
continuing application of Serial No. 08/873,598, filed June 12, 1997, now U.S.
Patent No. 5,952,172; which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/660,534,

- filed June 7, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,770,369; which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,824,473; which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578, issued January 7, 1997;
 - (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,824,473, issued October 20, 1998, which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08,166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578;
 - (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,770,369, issued June 23, 1998, which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,824,473; which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578;
 - (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,705,348, issued January 6, 1998, which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578;
 - (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,780,234, issued July 14, 1998, which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/166,036, filed December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,591,578;
 - (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,952,172, issued September 14, 1999, which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/660,534, filed June 7, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,770,369; which is a continuing application of Serial No. 08/475,051, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,824,473; which is a continuing application of

Serial No. 08/166,036, issued December 10, 1993, now U.S. Patent

No. 5,591,578; and,

(8) Co-pending Patent Application Serial No. 09/100,507.

Assignments are recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office for U.S.S.N. 08/166,036 at Reel/Frame 6862/0211; for U.S.S.N. 08/475,051 at Reel/Frame 7660/0201; for U.S.S.N. 08/660,534 at Reel/Frame 8093/0509; and for U.S.S.N. 08/873,598 at Reel/Frame 8866/0897. Copies of the assignments are attached to this Terminal Disclaimer.

Caltech hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154-156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer, of prior Patent Nos. 5,591,578; 5,824,473; 5,770,369; 5,705,348; 5,780,234; and, 5,952,172.

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Caltech hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and the prior patents are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any patent granted on the instant application and is binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

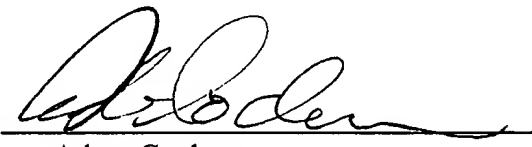
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The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the petitioner/assignee. The undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents in the chain of title of the present application identified above, and certifies that, to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee Caltech.

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity/enforceability of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 02 December, 1999

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